



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

STANDING UP FOR WORKING PEOPLE



Governor Whitmer is focused on empowering working people by creating good-paying jobs with solid benefits, tuition-free paths to opportunity, and protecting their fundamental rights.

Fighting for Michigan workers

- Rolled back the [retirement tax](#) to save half a million households an average of \$1,000 a year.
- [Restored worker's rights](#) by repealing "Right to Work," to ensure workers can more effectively bargain together for fair wages and benefits. Improves workplace safety and product and keeps government out of negotiations between employers and workers.
- [Reinstated prevailing wage](#) for all state projects, raising wages and improving work quality.
- [Signed a budget](#) increasing wages for direct care workers and other staff assisting those with disabilities and seniors who require home-based and nursing home services.
- Signed an executive directive to [fight payroll fraud](#) and required the state to increase the number of contracts awarded to companies that create good-paying jobs in the state.
- Created a [Nursing Home Workforce Stabilization Council](#) to promote living wages and benefits and worked to reinstate the practical exam for plumbers.
- Appointed more than 200 union members to boards, commissions, and jobs.
- Signed legislation to [recruit and retain skilled educators](#) by allowing the state to accept out of state teaching certifications, helping educators collectively bargain, and boosting transparency in staffing.

Supporting good-paying jobs

- Announced nearly 36,000 good-paying auto jobs and counting, including the first auto plant in Detroit in nearly 30 years.
- Secured new investments in union [training and pre-apprenticeship](#) programs.
- [Invested in](#) additional funding [Going Pro](#) to help businesses up-skill in-house talent, secure resources for talent retention in key industries, eliminate [barriers to employment](#), expand partnerships with union training facilities, and more.
- Funded programs like [Reconnect](#), [Futures for Frontliners](#), and [Michigan Achievement Scholarship](#) to lower the cost of higher education for hundreds of thousands of Michiganders and get them on paths to higher education or skills training that leads to a good-paying job.
- Expanded apprenticeships to put more people on paths to careers with a bipartisan [supplemental bill](#) and programs for key industries like [semiconductor manufacturing](#).

Rebuilding our infrastructure

- Through the end of this construction season, fixed 20,000 lane miles of road and 1,400 bridges, supporting 118,000 jobs.
- Launched the [Rebuilding Michigan](#) Plan, a \$3.5 billion plan to build up state highways and bridges over the next 5 years, without an increase at the pump.
- Signed a bill to [protect Michigan's construction workers](#) as they rebuild infrastructure.
- Signed an [executive directive](#) to [speed up pothole repairs](#).
- Invested over \$4 billion to upgrade water infrastructure, supporting 57,000 jobs.
- Made historic investments in affordable housing to build 2,000 affordable, attainable rental housing units, and leverage \$380 million in private funding.
- Leveraged over \$900 million to connect rural communities to reliable [high-speed internet](#).
- Secured more than \$150 million through [Charge Up Michigan](#) and the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) (BIL) to build Michigan's electric vehicle charging network.
- Signed an [executive directive](#) to streamline and improve permitting for infrastructure.
- Launched the [Michigan Infrastructure Office](#) to ensure funding from the BIL is spent and deployed effectively.

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